

IN THE CLAIMS:

This version of the claims replaces and supercedes all prior versions of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A voice detecting method discriminating a voice section from a non-voice section for every fixed time length for a voice signal comprising the steps of:
 - (a) calculating a feature quantity from said voice signal input;
 - (b) calculating a change quantity from said feature quantity, said change quantity corresponds to a variation in time of said feature quantity;
 - (c) discriminating the voice section from the non-voice section, using a long-time average of said change quantity, said long-time average of said change quantity is obtained by inputting said change quantity to filters; and
 - (d) repeating steps (a)-(c) for every fixed time length in the voice signal~~using feature quantity calculated from said voice signal input for every fixed time length, characterized in that the voice section is discriminated from the non-voice section for every fixed time length in the voice signal, and using a long time average of change quantities, obtained by inputting the change quantities, which correspond to the variation in time of the feature quantity, to filters.~~
2. (Currently Amended) A voice detecting method recited in claim 1, wherein the change ~~quantities~~ quantity of said feature quantity ~~[[are]]~~ is calculated by using said feature quantity and a said long-time average thereof.